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## First Price Increase in Three Years for Commercial Priority Mail Scheduled for January 2016

- *No Increase in Forever Stamp Prices or Other Mailing Product Prices*
  - *No Increase in Shipping Prices Until After the Holiday Season*

WASHINGTON — Today the United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of proposed price changes for its Shipping Services products to take effect next year, following the conclusion of the holiday season. The filing does not include any price increase for First-Class Mail or any other Postal Service Mailing product such as the Forever stamp.

The Postal Service continues to provide excellent value and reliability for the shipping industry along with convenient choices for consumers. The average Shipping Services price change is 9.5 percent which results in an average shipping price of less than \$5.50 per shipment across all shipping products.

The new prices, if approved, represent the first price increase in more than three years for commercial Priority Mail. The average price increase for Priority Mail is 9.8 percent; when calculated over the three-year period since the last increase, the overall Priority Mail price change averages less than 3.3 percent per year.

The PRC will review the prices before they are scheduled to become effective on Jan. 17, 2016. The complete Postal Service price filing with the new prices for all Shipping Services products can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section: <http://www.prc.gov/dockets/daily>.

The Postal Service continues to enable America's e-commerce growth and enhance its portfolio of mailing and shipping solutions to best meet the evolving needs of our business and residential customers.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund our operations. The price changes which the Postal Service has proposed today help to fund our infrastructure and support our ability to provide prompt, reliable and efficient universal service to the American public.

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